

***VIA FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION - Official
To Fax Number (703) 872-9306
Application No. 08/879,467
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REMARKS

The Previously Presented Claims 19 – 31

The patentability of claims 19 – 31 over the grounds of rejection in the Official Action of 12/23/03 is explained in Applicant's response sent on Monday, May 24, 2004, by certificate of mailing, at pages 2-7 of the response.

Claim 20, and claims 24 and 26 -31 are being amended hereby to emphasize further that these claims are directed to coded image capture and decoding systems wherein the image buffer stores a plurality of undecoded images each representative of the same coded target, in conjunction with the other respective limitations of these claims.

The New Claims 32 – 52

New claims 32 – 52 are respectfully submitted to clearly patentably distinguish over the grounds of rejection in the Official Action of 12/23/2003, for example by the recitations of clauses (b) and (c) of claim 32, in conjunction with the totality of the claim language. The Postman and Tamura references teach decoding of images one at a time, and do not teach utilizing received sets of undecoded data from more than one optical reading of the same code configuration, to provide decoding of such code configuration, as recited in claim 32. The dependent claims are directed to other features not taught by the references when the claims are read in their entirety.

Exemplary Support in the Specification for the New Claims 32-52

New Claim

Location of Exemplary Support

Claim 32

Clause (a): Page 16, lines 6-11.

Clauses (b) and (c): Page 36, fourth line from the bottom of page 36 to page 37, line 9; and page 49, line 6, to page 54, line 3.

Claim 33

Fig. 9, step 923; Fig. 11, step 1119;

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page 50, the bottom section of text; page 52, the second full paragraph.

- Claim 34 Fig.10, steps 1011, 1013, 1015, 1019, 1021;
Page 51, the middle full paragraph on page 51, taken with
bottom three lines on page 51.
- Claim 35 Page 36, the bottom four lines, and page 37, lines 1-9.
- Claim 36 Fig. 9, step 915; Fig. 10, step 1023; Fig. 11, step 1113; Fig.
12, step 1207; page 49, line 6, to page 54, line 3.
- Claim 37 Fig. 2b, actuator 260; and page 13, the second complete
paragraph; page 27, the second complete paragraph at the
lower part of page 27.
- Claim 38 Page 37, the bottom three lines; and page 38. line 1-4.
- Claim 39 Page 21, the middle complete paragraph.
- Claim 40 Page 25, the bottom paragraph.
- Claim 41 Page 22, lines 1-4.
- Claim 42 Page 22, lines 1-4; and page 25, the bottom paragraph.
- Claim 43 Page 26, the middle paragraph.
- Claim 44 Page 42, the middle paragraph.
- Claim 45 Page 26, the middle paragraph, the last five lines of said
middle paragraph.
- Claim 46 Page 26, the middle paragraph.
- Claim 47 Page 26, the middle paragraph, beginning at the fifth line of
said middle paragraph.
- Claim 48 Page 26, the middle paragraph, the first line of said middle
paragraph.
- Claim 49 Page 15, the second complete paragraph.

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Claim 50 Page 15, the second complete paragraph, the third to sixth lines of said second complete paragraph.

Claim 51 Page 15, the second complete paragraph, the bottom three lines of said second complete paragraph.

Claim 52 Fig. 9, step 923; and Fig. 11, step 1119.

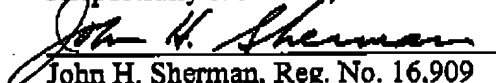
Payment of Extra Claim Fees

The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 to Deposit Account 14-1190 in accordance with the enclosed Fee Transmittal form.

CONCLUSION

An earnest effort has been made to fully respond to the Official Action of 12/23/2003, and a favorable consideration and allowance of the claims as now presented is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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